

ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS NEWSLETTER — March 2013

CALENDAR

- Meeting for worship: 11 a.m. on First Days
- First Day School for children: 11 a.m. (Joining meeting for worship from 11:45 a.m. to noon)
- Nursery care for our youngest: 11 a.m.
- Meetings for Worship with a Concern for Business: 1st First Day of month at 9 a.m.
- Adult religious education: As noted in calendar below
- Early meeting for worship (weather permitting outdoors) at 8 a.m. on 2nd, 4th, and 5th First Days
- Meditation study group meets at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in the main meeting room
- NOTE: The deadline for submitting newsletter items is the 20th of the month

MARCH 3: 9 a.m. Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship; 1 p.m. Potluck lunch

MARCH 10: 8 a.m. Early Meeting for Worship; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship

MARCH 17: 9 a.m. Committee Meetings; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship

MARCH 24: 8 a.m. Early Meeting for Workshop; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship

MARCH 31: 8 a.m. Early Meeting for Workshop; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship

CARE OF THE MEETING HOUSE: Meeting House and Lands

QUERIES FOR THIRD MONTH: The Meeting Community

Are love and harmony within the Meeting community fostered by a spirit of open sharing? Do you endeavor to widen your circle of friendships within the Meeting, seeking to know persons of all ages and at all stages of the spiritual journey? Does the Meeting provide for the spiritual refreshment of all members and attenders? Do Friends provide spiritual and practical care for the elderly, the lonely, and others with special needs? (Faith and Practice, p. 38)

PEACE AND JUSTICE CENTER MEETS

The Peace and Justice Center, which had been scheduled to meet on February 26, is rescheduled to meet on Thursday, March 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. A detailed agenda will follow.

Phil F, Peace and Justice Center

CHESAPEAKE QUARTERLY MEETING

Please join us on the first day of Daylight Savings Time for Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting on March 10 at Annapolis Friends Meeting. The Baltimore Yearly Meeting Working Group on Racism is facilitating this workshop. The workshop explores privilege, exclusion, and inclusion, initially relating to race, gender, and sexual preference. Other questions around privilege or the lack thereof may arise. The workshop was inspired by a 2010 plenary at Northern Yearly Meeting and will be the basis of the Wednesday afternoon plenary session at Baltimore Yearly Meeting's annual session 2013.

- 9 a.m. Meet and greet, light refreshments
- 9:30 a.m. Meeting for worship with attention to business
- 11 a.m. Meeting for worship
- Noon Lunch (provided by members of Annapolis Friends Meeting)
- 1 – 3 p.m. Workshop: What is this thing called privilege? And what do we do with it?

It is helpful to register in advance. This will help us in planning for meals and setting up activities. Please contact Jennifer DeLorge McKeown at 443-995-6630 or jendelorge@yahoo.com or Pat Schenck (at 410-263-4529 or Pat.Schenck@verizon.net. Please tell us the number of potential attenders and any minor children coming and their ages.

RECRUITING FOR WINTER RELIEF SHELTER VOLUNTEERS

Dear Friends,

For several years, Annapolis Friends Meeting has partnered with Magothy United Methodist Church on Mountain Road in Pasadena to provide shelter under the umbrella of Winter Relief, a program run by the nonprofit Arundel House of Hope to provide temporary shelter for the homeless in North County.

Like many other area churches, Magothy UMC has signed up to house the homeless in its church offices for an entire week, March 18-25. The church, while historic, is small and not very wealthy, and by helping out we are making it possible for them to provide a service that they could not offer on their own.

Please consider helping with this effort, towards which Friends have shown remarkable generosity over the years. Volunteers are needed for three roles:

- Evening/overnight supervision. There are two shifts each night, 7 p.m. - 1 a.m. and 1 a.m. - 6 a.m. This will be a mixed shelter and both men and women are eligible for these shifts.
- Preparation/serving of Sunday dinner on March 24.
- Dropping in to visit with guests Saturday, March 23 or Sunday, March 24 (very ad hoc--the recommended time is to allow 2 hours, but if you can make it, just do it; most of them are at a loose end on weekends)

Please let me know if you are willing to help in any of these roles, particularly the evening or night shifts, which are hard to fill.

Peace,
Peter (410-647-2487)

MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS MINUTES

THIRD DAY OF THE SECOND MONTH, 2013

Present were - Elise Albert (Clerk), Phyllis Singer (Recording Clerk), Mary Barbera, Carl Benson, Kimberly Benson, Will Candler, Phil Caroom, Karen Cunnyingham, Susan Dapkunas, Nan Elsbree, Sky Elsbree, Kim Finch, Wes Jordan, Bill Kinzer, Carol Kinzer, Jack Lahr, Careen Mayer, Sue Podolin, Joel Rodkin, Harold Saunders, Pat Schenck, and Joanna Tobin.

Our Meeting began with centering worship.

Treasurer's Final Report for 2012 – presented by Joel Rodkin:

There is a surplus of \$6,340, which is due in part to contributions being higher than budget and in part to committee expenses being less than budgeted. S&F is taking on the responsibility of considering funds and will bring possible recommendations to the Trustees and to MfB. The summary report appears in the Newsletter and also in the book of MfB Minutes.

AFM expresses its gratitude to the Treasurer.

Stewardship and Finance Committee - Karen Cunnyingham reporting:

S&F was charged with coordinating **Contributions to Friends Peace Teams**. S&F reports that \$700 will go towards our team (Barb Thomas, Harriett Nettles, Martha Baer): \$300 from Emergent Social Concerns, \$100 from the children's Holiday Market money, and \$300 from the Adult Scholarship Fund.

S&F has had a **preliminary discussion of 2012 surplus** and is considering recommending that the surplus go towards raising our restricted funds to their goal amounts and setting aside any remaining funds for the Solar Panels. S&F is open to other suggestions and will bring a final recommendation to the next meeting for business.

Arthur David Olson from Adelphi Friends Meeting conducted an **audit/review** of our records. Our practices are in generally good shape. He had several suggestions, which S&F will consider as time allows.

AFM thanks S&F for their fine work.

ACTION: AFM minutes its appreciation of Arthur David Olsen's assistance and will be sending him a letter of thanks.

Ministry and Worship Committee - Elise Albert reporting the request from Patuxent Friends Meeting to transfer the membership of Harriett Nettles to AFM.

ACTION: AFM joyously welcomes Harriett Nettles to membership with our meeting.

Peace and Social Concerns – Carl Benson and Jack Lahr reporting the request that AFM become a participating member of the National Religious Campaign Against Torture. NRCAT's goal is to abolish torture now with no exceptions. There are two issues before us: if AFM should become a participating member of NRCAT, and if so, how much AFM should contribute to the organization.

ACTION: AFM approves becoming a participating member of NRCAT, pending the determination of P&SC.

Ministry and Worship Committee Report - Kim Finch reporting. The committee may be reviewing and revising the description of its mission. A selected list of accomplishments and M&W activities was distributed at MfB. Note that M&W manages Meetings for Learning on 2nd and 4th First Days. M&W is working currently on the support of leadings and ministry. Their full report is attached in the Newsletter and in the book of MfB minutes. Friends appreciate M&W's work.

Other Friends' concerns:

How we can **get more and younger people to MfB**, including younger newcomers and also children. We might ask CREC when it might be appropriate to encourage a similar meeting for Young Friends.

Closing: These minutes were read and approved during Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. Meeting closed with silent worship.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elise Albert, Clerk, and Phyllis Singer, Recording Clerk

**Annapolis Friends Meeting
Stewardship and Finance Committee
December 31, 2012**

Operating Budget			Fund Balances	
	2012 To-date	2012 Budget	Restricted Funds	2012 To-date
Income				
Contributions	46,550	43,485	Adult Scholarship	1,215
Interest/Dividends/Distribution	3,201	3,004	Building Fund	121,660
Rentals	19,128	19,000	Capital Improvement	5,984
Other Income	48		Capital Replacement	30,126
Total Income	68,927	65,489	Committee	
			Contingency	6,137
Expenses			Emergent Social	
Committee activities			Concerns	780
CREC	1,618	1,850	Founders Fund	10,045
Library	392	400	Growing & Greening	166
Meetinghouse and Lands	24,916	26,392	Memorial Garden	1,572
Ministry and Worship	643	800	Peace & Justice	
Outreach	590	630	Center	3,581
Pastoral Care	270	650	Suffering Fund	2,400
Peace and Social Concerns	500	1,450	YF Opportunity Fund	2,500
Stewardship and Finance	363	368	Total	186,166
Restricted Funds	17,170	17,170	Other off-budget	
Quaker Causes	3,785	3,479	activities	
Apportionment	12,340	12,300	CREC school	
Total Expenses	62,587	65,489	projects	858
			CREC camping fund	2,150
Net	6,340	0	Solar project	10,720
			Total	13,728

Account Balances

BB&T Checking	24,041
Friends Fiduciary Corporation	61,215
ING Orange Business Non-profit	124,667
Sandy Springs Savings Bank CD	10,056
Total	219,979

Ministry and Worship Committee: 2012 Review

Patricia Robinson and Kim Finch, Co-clerks
Jennifer DeLorge McKeown, Pat Else, Martha O'Hehir, Esther Geil

Clearness process and welcoming for new members

- Susan Dapkunas
- Kit Hanley

Accepted familial membership for Ceili McKeown (Jenn's daughter)

Compiled responses and wrote Spiritual State of the Meeting for BYM

Completed Guidelines for Greeter, Holding in the Light and Closing Meeting

Established honorarium and travel expense guidelines - MfL outside presenter

Conducted joint meetings with S&F around issues of announcement of financial responsibility.

Determined that there is no policy established for financial announcements after Meeting for Worship

However, each one expected to consider feelings of others and be aware of spiritual focus. Suggest:

Periodically, thanking those present for their contributions to the Meeting.

Worked on and held joint meeting with S&F on procedures for Support for Ministries - ongoing

Met with Ann Riggs and Ann Riggs support Committee - clarified concerns and need.

Manage Meeting for Learning on 2nd and 4th First Days: ongoing

M&W Committee members conducted MfL on

- Holding in the Light
- Spirituality of the Natural World
- Martin Luther King
- The book -The American Soul
- Faith & Practice Review
- Meaning and experience of Christmas Carols

Held one day retreat with outside presenters - Worship with Early Friends

Organized picnic/swim at end of summer

Future concerns

- New Spiritual Friends group
- Complete Membership guidelines
- Meeting for Learning issues, topic, Meeting participation
- Support ministries of Ann Riggs and Tim Mullady
- Finish guidelines for Support for Ministries
- Plan Retreat - subject, time, Meeting participation

QUAKER QUOTES FOR MARCH

This is the reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you ... for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and love and of self-discipline. (II Timothy 1:7)

To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracle, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. (I Corinthians 12: 8-11)

Remember, O my soul that the Prince of Peace is thy Lord, that he communicates his unmixed wisdom to his family, that they, living in perfect simplicity, may give no just cause of offense to any creature, but may walk as he walked. (John Woolman, 1720-1772)

Then Jesus cried aloud: "Whoever believes in me believes not in me but in him who sent me. And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in darkness. I do not judge anyone who hears my words and does not keep them, for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world." (John 12:44-47)

HOW TO SUBMIT NEWSLETTER ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please submit items for the calendar and brief descriptions of events by the 20th of the month.
- Beth Mayer is the editor of the Annapolis Friends Newsletter. Please send any items for inclusion in the newsletter to annapolisfriendsmeeting@gmail.com.
- Friends also are asked to watch your email for announcements of meetings and to listen for announcements at the rise of meeting.
- Event and activity organizers, please also post your announcements on the bulletin board for those who do not use electronic mail!
- Announce List: announce@annapolis.quaker.org; Discuss List: discuss@annapolis.quaker.org

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